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In re Application of	<i>PATENT APPLICATION AMEND</i>
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Title: UNIFIED PERMISSIONS CONTROL FOR REMOTELY AND LOCALLY STORED FILES WHOSE INFORMATIONAL CONTENT MAY BE PROTECTED BY SMART-LOCKING AND/OR BUBBLE-PROTECTION	Customer No.: <u>23910</u>
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FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the application being filed concurrently herewith, as follows:

Amendments

In the Claims

In Claim 4, line 3, please delete "[for]".

In the Specification

Please delete the square-bracketed text "[invention]" throughout the enclosed specification papers and particularly as found at paragraphs [0021] - [0024], [0028],

[0030], [0035] - [0036], [0038] - [0039], [0042] - [0048], [0050], [0058], [0069] - [0071], [0077], [0079] - [0080], [0083] - [0084], [0087], [0097], [0109] - [0110], [0114], [0118], [0122] - [0123], [0131], [0144], [0146] - [0147], [0152], [0155], [0174], [0176], [0179], [0182], [0186], [0193], [0200], [0206], [0231] - [0232], [0293], [0305], [0342], [0344].

Moreover, immediately above paragraph [0001] please delete "[the invention]"

In paragraph [0009] please delete "[Attorney Docket No. SYMA 1035]"

In paragraph [0010] please delete "[Attorney Docket No. SYMA 1024US01-Allowed]"

In paragraph [0146] please delete "[to]"

In paragraph [0306] please delete "[4***]"

In paragraph [0319] please delete "[4xx*****]"

In paragraph [0330] please delete "[D2]"

Between paragraphs [0340] and [0341], please delete the unreferenced text beginning with "[The above disclosure is..." and ending with "...after studying the above disclosure.]"

Remarks

Assignment of this case for examination to Art Unit 2132 and more so to Examiner S. Kabakoff is suggested because he is familiar with the prosecution history of related application 09/047,316 (the Bubble-protection case).

The enclosed specification papers contain substantially the same disclosure as was provided in provisional application number 60/227,065 filed August 21, 2000, from which the present utility application continues. The enclosed specification papers differ from those of the provisional at least as follows:

- (1) Paragraph numbers have been inserted pursuant to newly-instituted rules;
- (2) The word "disclosure" has been substituted for the word "invention" substantially throughout the specification as indicated in the above amendment. Highlighting has been used to indicate areas where new text has been inserted. Square bracketing has been used to indicate areas where original text is to be removed if so indicated in the above amendment. The law governing provisional applications does not require the inclusion of claims within a provisional application. Accordingly, any reference to "the invention" as may have been found in the provisional specification should be deemed as non-limiting, particularly since new or different claims are submitted herewith.
- (3) Claims 4-49 presented at the end of the current specification have generally been revised or newly added. Paragraphs [0337] - [0340] constitute newly added text that was not in the provisional.

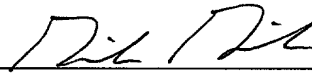
Examination of the claims presented herewith is respectively requested in view of the specification and drawings submitted herewith.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment

to Deposit Account No. 06-1325 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,

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